



General Assembly

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Referred to Committee on General Law

Introduced by:
(GL)

***RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO BAN GIFT CARD
FEES.***

Resolved by this Assembly:

1 WHEREAS, Connecticut has adopted strong consumer protections
2 regarding gift cards, including prohibiting gift card expiration dates
3 and prohibiting the issuers of such cards from charging consumers
4 inactivity fees or any other deduction from the value of a gift card; and

5 WHEREAS, if a gift card is issued by a national bank, federal law
6 preempts Connecticut state consumer gift card protections; and

7 WHEREAS, the Attorney General of Connecticut has fought
8 unsuccessfully to apply Connecticut state gift card law to gift cards
9 issued by national banks; and

10 WHEREAS, major gift card issuers are issuing gift cards through
11 and by national banks, thereby denying consumers the protections
12 provided to them under Connecticut's law.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Connecticut

14 General Assembly calls upon the Congress of the United States to pass
15 appropriate legislation to specifically authorize states to prohibit gift
16 card expiration dates, inactivity fees or any other deductions from the
17 value of a gift card; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerks of the House and the
19 Senate cause copies of this resolution to be sent to the presiding
20 officers of each house of Congress and to each member of the
21 Connecticut congressional delegation.